



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**COMMERCE AND TRADE**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017      10:30 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by Vice-Chair Garcia.

Vice Chair Garcia requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Schor, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Camilleri and Scott.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Kesto moved to approve the minutes from the March 21st, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Vice-Chair laid House Concurrent Resolution No. 2. before the committee:

HCR 2 (Chatfield) A concurrent resolution to express support for the construction of a new lock at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and urge the President and Congress of the United States to fully fund the project

Chairman Leutheuser returned to the gavel at 10:40 a.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield and Senator Wayne Schmidt both testified in support of the concurrent resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Patrick Bloom, representing Cliffs Natural Resources, testified in support of the concurrent resolution.

Rep. Scott Dianda, representing the 110<sup>th</sup> district, testified in support of the concurrent resolution.

Phil Browne and Larry Karnes, both representing Michigan Department of Transportation, testified in support of the concurrent resolution.

Peter Kakela testified in support of the concurrent resolution.

The following individuals submitted a card, in support of the concurrent resolution, but did not wish to speak:

Gary Reed, representing the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.  
Ron Khowy, representing the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.  
Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.  
John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.  
James Weakley, representing the Lake Carriers' Association.  
Chris Masciantonio, representing the US Steel Corporation.

Representative Kesto moved to report **House Concurrent Resolution No. 2** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **15-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Schor, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Camilleri, Scott.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**Representative Eric Leutheuser, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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